



## **SIBLEY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

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## **MINNESOTA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS**

### **MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING, MAY 11, 2010**

Members present: Dave Trebelhorn, Chairman  
Paul Wiemann, Vice-Chairman  
Tom Pfarr, Treasurer  
Gary Schafer, Reporter

Others present: Loren Evenson, District Manager  
Kevin Pioske, District Technician  
Ron Otto, Water Management Coordinator  
April Sullivan, District Conservationist  
Joel Wurscher, High Island Creek WS Coordinator  
Tom Fischer, Minnesota BWSR

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Trebelhorn at 4:05 P. M.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Weimann, to approve the April Meeting minutes.  
Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiemann; seconded by Pfarr, to approve the April financial report.  
Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

### **NRCS Report**

Sullivan reported that Area 6 needs about \$3 million to fund remaining EQIP applications. She is also working on cleaning up old contracts for payment or elimination. SWCD will be doing residue checks when planting is finished. WRP Phase III signup ends on Friday, May 14. Four applications will be turned in with none of them scoring over 75 points. There are two existing contracts that will have closing easements shortly. CSP was announced by the Secretary of Agriculture yesterday and will run through June 11th. April said she had 7 complete applications and is working with about a dozen more. The landlord stripped and waxed the floors and painted April's office and the storage room. Marie Lynch is now detailed at Gaylord again. The new State Conservationist will be in the Gaylord office on May 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:15 –noon.

### **Water Management Report**

Otto attended the monthly meetings of the Friends of High Island, High Island Creek Watershed District and a CROW Technical meeting.

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## **Water Management Report (continued)**

Otto visited with residents about septic systems and the loan process.

Applications for 23 rock inlets, and 8.2 acres of CRP filter strips were received for the Rush River watershed. For the High Island Creek watershed, payments were made for 9.5 acres of CRP filter strips. A sediment basin in the High Island has been surveyed, designed and is ready for construction. The Bevens/Silver Creek SSTS Project paperwork has been completed and the project is ready to disperse loans. Some preliminary work to updating the Sibley County Comprehensive Water Plan has been done.

Wurscher reported that the High Island Creek Project is ending September 1st. He is writing a \$300,000.00 grant for the High Island Creek Fecal Coliform TMDL. He has not received any money for the Rush River Watershed Fecal Coliform TMDL. Sixteen additional sign-ups are needed in the High Island Creek Watershed rain barrel program. The Rush River has the needed 50 people signed up for rain barrels. The High Island Lake draw-down will continue for another year. The freeze out of the lake did not go as planned. Joel helped with an Earth Day event at Lafayette Charter School. He presented to students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Joel also attended a meeting about replacing the Lake Titloe dam.

## **District Report**

The nursery stock arrived on April 26<sup>th</sup>, and most of the inventory has been dispersed. At present, 144 orders have been received, totaling \$16,438.99. Some inventory remains unsold. District staff listened to the RIM/WRP teleconference. The plans for the Pagenkopf project have been delivered. Evenson was present at the Hartung property to discuss the re-routing of the county tile. This part of the project is going to cost about \$27,000. Evenson stated that all first quarter reports have been finished.

## **Old Business**

There was no old business to be discussed.

## **New Business**

Motion by Schafer; seconded by Pfarr, to approve an AgBMP Loan request of Gary Kruggel, Alfsborg Township, for a vertical tillage implement. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The implement, a Salford RTS, is just starting to appear on Sibley County farms. There was discussion about perhaps having a field demonstration and the board asked the staff to explore this possibility.

Motion by Pfarr; seconded by Schafer, to approve an AgBMP Loan request of Sylvia Reinhardt, Henderson Township, for a septic system upgrade. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried.

## **Correspondence**

The Legislative Update with proposed update of cuts was handed out. There are two resolutions that were given to the supervisors and will be acted on at the Area VI meeting. The first was from McLeod County and was about state cost share for SSTS systems. The second was from Blue Earth County and they propose having food plots on 3-10% of the acres of state wildlife management areas.

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## **Other Business**

The next Area VI meeting will be held on June 3rd at the American Legion in St James, from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P. M. The agenda was given to the supervisors and the deadline to pre-register is May 23rd.

Wiemann asked the board if they thought that he was doing a good job as supervisor, and if he should run for the position again. The board felt he should file for supervisor before the deadline.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Wiemann; seconded by Pfarr, to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: all; nays: none. Motion carried. The meeting was concluded at 5:15 P.M. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8th, at 4:00 P.M., at the Agricultural Service Center.

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Secretary